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1. On 1 December 1949 NVD General Merkulov, who organized the Secret Police in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Albania, arrived in Sofia.
2. He is currently engaged in the complete reorganization and operation of the Bulgarian Police Force. He is accompanied by an administrative specialist, J. Papp, Hungarian, who allegedly has been with the Soviet Police Services since the time of Bela Kun.
3. Merkulov and Papp, to date have recruited and sent to the Soviet Union for police training 30 Yugoslav Macedonian Cominformists in Bulgaria, aged 20 to 25.
4. Merkulov is scheduled to depart from Bulgaria on 20 December 1949, his destination unspecified.
5. Papp will remain in Sofia until the end of January 1950. He is assisted by a number of experienced agents. Papp has an airplane at his disposal for intermittent travel to Rumania and Hungary.

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